## **Amendments to the Claims**:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims**:

- 1. (canceled)
- 2. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[1]] <u>56</u>, wherein a top portion of the fibrous face layer above the top of the adhesive layer has a thickness of about 0.5 mm to about 2.0 mm.
- 3. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[1]] <u>56</u>, wherein a top portion of the fibrous face layer above the top of the adhesive layer has a basis weight of about 100 grams/m<sup>2</sup> to about 500 grams/m<sup>2</sup>.
- 4. (canceled)
- 5. (canceled)
- 6. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[5]] <u>56</u>, wherein the needling density is at least 500 ppsi.
- 7. (previously amended) The composite of claim 6, wherein the needling density is at least 1,000 ppsi.
- 8. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[1]] <u>57</u>, wherein the <del>fibrous layer</del> gathered fabric comprises a stitch bonded and bulked fabric.
- 9. (original) The composite of claim 8, wherein the stitch bonded and bulked fabric

comprises a non-woven substrate stitch-bonded by shrinkable yarns.

- 10. (canceled).
- 11. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[10]] <u>57</u>, wherein the <u>upwardly facing</u> <u>folds or undulating [[loops]] gathers</u> have a frequency of about 12 loops per inch to about 60 loops per inch.
- 12. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[1]] <u>57</u>, wherein the <del>fibrous layer</del> gathered fabric comprises a pattern bonded and bulked fabric.
- 13. (original) The composite of claim 12, wherein the pattern bonded and bulked fabric comprises a non-woven substrate pattern bonded to a shrinkable bonding substrate.
- 14. (canceled).
- 15. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[14]] 57, wherein the <u>upwardly facing</u> folds or undulating [[loops]] gathers have a frequency of about 12 loops per inch to about 60 loops per inch.
- 16-20. (canceled)
- 21. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[1]] <u>56</u>, further comprising a backing layer.
- 22. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[5]] <u>56</u>, further comprising a backing layer, and wherein the at least some of the needle punched legs also penetrate the backing layer.
- 23. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[1]] <u>56</u>, being embossable to form a three-dimensional textured product.

24. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[1]] <u>56</u>, wherein the face layer is spunlaced.

25. (original) The composite of claim 24, wherein the face layer is spunlaced substantially from the top surface.

26-34. (canceled)

35- 55 (canceled)

56. (currently amended) A composite comprising a fibrous face layer and an a solid adhesive layer film or fabric, wherein the fibrous face layer comprises needle-punched non-woven fabrics forming a plurality of legs, wherein the legs are made from a portion of the fibrous face layer and the legs are dependent from and are supported by the fibrous layer, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer are needled through the face layer, and at least some of the legs are needled through the solid adhesive film or fabric and are anchored in the adhesive layer, and wherein a portion of the adhesive in the adhesive layer film or fabric at least partially penetrates into the fibrous face layer by an application of pressure heat.

57. (currently amended) A composite comprising a fibrous face layer and an adhesive layer, wherein the fibrous face layer comprises a gathered fabric forming a plurality of legs, said legs are made from comprise upwardly facing folds or undulated gathers from a portion of the fibrous face layer, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer are anchored in the adhesive layer.

58. (currently amended) A composite comprising a fibrous face layer and an adhesive layer, wherein the fibrous face layer comprises a knit or woven fabric made from textured yarns forming a plurality of legs, said legs comprise pile loops of the knit or woven fabric are made from a portion of the fibrous face layer, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer are anchored in the adhesive layer.

- 59. (currently amended) A composite comprising a fibrous face layer and an adhesive layer, wherein the fibrous face layer comprises a <u>cut</u>, <u>sanded</u>, <u>sheared or</u> brushed woven <u>or knit</u> forming a plurality of legs, said legs are made from <u>the cut</u>, <u>sanded</u>, <u>sheared or brushed portion</u> a <u>portion</u> of the fibrous face layer, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer are anchored in the adhesive layer.
- 60. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[1]] <u>57</u>, wherein the adhesive layer penetrates into the fibrous face layer by an application of pressure.
- 61. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[1]] <u>56</u>, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer are further anchored in the adhesive layer by an application of <u>pressure heat</u>.
- 62. (previously presented) The composite of claim 60, wherein the legs of the fibrous face layer are further anchored in the adhesive layer by an application of heat.
- 63. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[1]] <u>56</u>, wherein the fibrous face layer comprises fibers of about 0.5 denier to about 5.0 deniers.
- 64. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[1]]  $\underline{56}$ , wherein the adhesive layer penetrates into about  $\frac{1}{4}$  to about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the fibrous face layer.
- 65. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[1]] <u>56</u>, wherein the top surface of the fibrous face layer is substantially free of adhesive.
- 66. (currently amended) The composite of claim [[26]] <u>58</u>, wherein the adhesive layer extends partially into the face layer by an application of pressure.
- 67. (canceled)
- 68. (previously presented) The composite of claim 66, wherein the face layer is anchored in the adhesive layer by an application of heat.

- 69. (new) The composite of claim 59, wherein the adhesive layer extends partially into the face layer by an application of pressure.
- 70. (new) The composite of claim 69, wherein the face layer is anchored in the adhesive layer by an application of heat.
- 71. (new) The composite of claim 57, wherein a top portion of the fibrous face layer above the top of the adhesive layer has a thickness of about 0.5 mm to about 2.0 mm.
- 72. (new) The composite of claim 57, wherein a top portion of the fibrous face layer above the top of the adhesive layer has a basis weight of about 100 grams/m<sup>2</sup> to about 500 grams/m<sup>2</sup>.
- 73. (new) The composite of claim 57 further comprising a backing layer.
- 74. (new) The composite of claim 57 being embossable to form a three-dimensional textured product.
- 75. (new) The composite of claim 57, wherein the fibrous face layer comprises fibers of about 0.5 denier to about 5.0 deniers.
- 76. (new) The composite of claim 57, wherein the adhesive layer penetrates into about ¼ to about ¾ of the fibrous face layer.
- 77. (new) The composite of claim 57, wherein the top surface of the fibrous face layer is substantially free of adhesive.
- 78. (new) The composite of claim 58, wherein knit or woven is cut, sanded, sheared or brushed portion, and the legs comprise the cut, sanded, sheared or brushed portion of the knit.
- 79. (new) The composite of claim 58, wherein a top portion of the fibrous face layer

above the top of the adhesive layer has a thickness of about 0.5 mm to about 2.0 mm.

- 80. (new) The composite of claim 58, wherein a top portion of the fibrous face layer above the top of the adhesive layer has a basis weight of about 100 grams/m<sup>2</sup> to about 500 grams/m<sup>2</sup>.
- 81. (new) The composite of claim 58 further comprising a backing layer.
- 82. (new) The composite of claim 58 being embossable to form a three-dimensional textured product.
- 83. (new) The composite of claim 58, wherein the fibrous face layer comprises fibers of about 0.5 denier to about 5.0 deniers.
- 84. (new) The composite of claim 58, wherein the adhesive layer penetrates into about ¼ to about ¾ of the fibrous face layer.
- 85. (new) The composite of claim 58, wherein the top surface of the fibrous face layer is substantially free of adhesive.
- 86. (new) The composite of claim 59, wherein a top portion of the fibrous face layer above the top of the adhesive layer has a thickness of about 0.5 mm to about 2.0 mm.
- 87. (new) The composite of claim 59, wherein a top portion of the fibrous face layer above the top of the adhesive layer has a basis weight of about 100 grams/m<sup>2</sup> to about 500 grams/m<sup>2</sup>.
- 88. (new) The composite of claim 59 further comprising a backing layer.
- 89. (new) The composite of claim 59 being embossable to form a three-dimensional textured product.

- 90. (new) The composite of claim 59, wherein the fibrous face layer comprises fibers of about 0.5 denier to about 5.0 deniers.
- 91. (new) The composite of claim 59, wherein the adhesive layer penetrates into about ½ to about ¾ of the fibrous face layer.
- 92. (new) The composite of claim 59, wherein the top surface of the fibrous face layer is substantially free of adhesive.